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EURATOM GETS APPROVAL FOR NEW \$425 MILLION ATOMIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21 -- The European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) has been authorized to carry out a new \$425 million five-year atomic energy research program, it was reported from Brussels today.

The approval came from the Euratom Council of Ministers to proceed with the Community's second five-year research program (1963-67) for wide-ranging research in the peaceful development of the atom. All results of the Euratom research program would be freely available within the six-nation Community.

Of the total amount, \$200 million will be used to further develop Euratom's joint research centers. There are now four such centers in Italy, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Netherlands.

The remaining \$225 million will be earmarked for research contracts for specific and limited purposes and also for "contracts of association" which concern wider and more long-range research objectives. The latter type contracts involve existing or new atomic research projects undertaken by European public or private establishments and call for joint financing, management, and sharing of results.

To carry out the new program, Euratom will be required to recruit a research staff of 3,200 persons. The present Euratom research staff is approximately 1,300.

In its first five-year research program (1958-62), Euratom allocated \$215 million and spent \$195 million, leaving an additional \$20 million for the new program -- thus more than doubling its research expenditure.

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Following are the allocations for the 1963-67 research program:

Research establishments:

Ispra	\$72 million
Karlsruhe (Transuranian Elements Institute)	25 million
Petten	19 million
Geel (Central Nuclear Measurements Bureau)	11 million
Training	3 million
Documentation	9.5 million
ORGEL (heavy water moderated, organic liquid cooled reactor experiment)	57 million
Advanced gas reactors (including Euratom's participation in the 'Dragon' project)	25 million
Fast reactors	73 million
'Proven reactors' and their industrial development	29.5 million
New reactor types	9 million
Joint operation and exploitation of (Belgian) BR-2 materials-testing reactor	12 million
Treatment of irradiated fuel	14 million
Treatment of waste	5 million
Nuclear ship propulsion studies	7.5 million
Health protection and biological research	17.5 million
Radioisotopes	5 million
Thermonuclear fusion studies	31 million